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19 CHARGES - MINDEN MAN JAILED 2 YEARS

A 27 year-old Minden man, Donald Francis Thompson, was sentenced to two years in the penitentiary last week when he plead guilty in Minden Provincial Court to some 19 criminal, liquor, and driving charges.

The charges, ranging back to last April, included one or more of breaking, entering and theft, assaulting a police officer, theft, possession of stolen property, impaired driving, driving while disqualified, refusing to take a breathalyzer test, intoxicated in a public place, having liquor while interdicted and breach of probation.

Curling
Results

BY PEG PETTINGER

Several teams have not played their schedule. The following are the results of those teams which have played to date.

MONDAY NIGHT
LADIES

Skip - P. Pettinger	35
" P. Campbell	30
" E. Crawford	15
" C. Dollo	10

TUESDAY NIGHT MEN'S

SKIP - W. Yake	50
" A. Millar	30
" P. Brintnell	20
" H. Morgan	20
" H. Gill	20
" E. Pettinger	10

WED. AFTERNOON LADIES

Skip - E. Crawford	35
" P. Pettinger	30
" I. Brintnell	25
" C. Dollo	20
" M. Young	0

THURS. NIGHT MIXED

Skip - C. Yearwood	50
" A. Millar	40
" J. Holton	40
" P. Graham	30
" E. Pettinger	20
" B. Scribner	20
" D. Thomas	10
" J. Pillsworth	0

FRIDAY NIGHT MIXED

Skip - D. Mann	40
" H. Gill	30
" D. McGee	30
" R. McCallum	20
" W. Yake	20

MEN'S SENIORS

Skip - A. Hodgkinson	40
" S. Stewart	30
" E. Hewitt	20
" F. Wright	20
" C. Yearwood	20
" E. Teachman	0

ANGELS



Some 500 pupils of Archie Stouffer Public School were out in full force last Friday evening to stage the school's annual Christmas Pageant.

Band music, carols, tableaux, recitations and dancing provided a well-rounded and entertaining program for the audience of

parents and friends that jammed the school auditorium. Two weeks in rehearsal, the pageant was staged under the guidance and direction of

the teachers with the students handling not only the actual performances, but decorations, lighting, even acting as stage hands. Seen

above are some of the 'Angels' of the evening's performance, drawn from Grades 3 and 4.

Jodie Drake
benefit raises
\$1,200

Last August the statuesque and versatile jazz vocalist Jodie Drake bounced onto stage with a flourish to wow hundreds of jazz buffs packed into the Minden Community Centre for Minden's first Annual Jazz and Blues Festival. Last Saturday Miss Drake sang from a wheelchair in Toronto's Saphire Tavernas jazz musicians and friends turned out in droves to stage a special benefit for her Jodie, who fell ill last October while performing in

Vancouver, was hospitalized for a month and according to her husband, broadcaster Barry Penhale, "No one, including her doctors, seems to know exactly what's wrong. She just has trouble with her sense of balance." The four-hour concert, which saw top-name jazz performers dropping in for a gig between shows, raised an estimated \$1,200 for Miss Drake as well as her flagging spirits. "I can't believe it", she said.

Fined \$250

A Toronto man who peeked last August in the window of the Haliburton Lake cottage to his ex-girlfriend's fiancé, then later hauled him out of a phone booth and hit him, was fined \$250 or 25 days in Minden Provincial Court last week.

Edward Weiss, 26, of Rhodes Avenue, Toronto, plead guilty to prowling by night, assault causing bodily harm and breach of undertaking to the court to stay away from his ex-girlfriend and her fiancé. The ex-girlfriend, Nancy June Meatherel, nee Warren, age 22, of Toronto, at the same time was given a conditional discharge after she plead guilty to the unlawful

use of a firearm last July. Testimony revealed that Mrs. Meatherel first fired a .22 rifle at Weiss while he called on Haliburton Lake, then fired a bullet into the ceiling of her family's cottage when he broke in and tried to wrestle the gun a-

way from her only minutes later. When she then produced a second rifle, he fled.

A charge of unlawful use of a firearm against Mrs. Meatherel's husband, Wayne, was withdrawn.

Progress holiday

In order that the Progress Staff and owners may enjoy a special Christmas holiday, the Progress office will be closed from 5 p.m. Monday, December 23 to 9 a.m. Monday, January 6.

There will be no edition of the Progress on January 2. Our regular advertising and editorial copy deadlines will resume starting with the Progress edition of January 9.



HERE and THERE with Fenwick Finch



THE SECOND OF TWO PARTS

THE RED ENSIGN

The oldest reference to the use of this flag by Canadians that I know of was its use on the Fennian Raid medal of Grandfather Hodgson who served at Queenston Heights. Another such one is one which Arnold Schroter showed me at the Service at St. Paul's Church in Minden on Sunday, June 16 - it belonged to his Grandfather. While it had been used on many occasions, it came into formal recognition through the recommendation of the House of Commons Committee established for a flag for Canada in 1946. My Father, then a member for the riding of Victoria served as one member of this committee. The Ensign came into general use and identification as a Canadian Flag until the formal flag debate which resulted in the Government of Lester B. Pearson legislating the Maple Leaf Flag as Canada's distinctive flag. That legislation also gave Canadians the right to fly the Ensign to honor the Queen and Royalty. Thus, we still see the Union Jack flown in Canada by our people, who have every right to do so.

ONTARIO'S FLAG

The general flag debate of the early and middle 60's brought about the common interest of many to have a provincial flag. The then Premier, the Honourable John Robarts had a small committee meet on this matter and after some considerable time, and meetings, he brought their recommendation to Cabinet and then to the full caucus of Progressive Conservative members. It was after this that the Premier placed upon the order paper of the Legislature a notice of the Government intention to introduce a motion to adopt a flag for Ontario. Later he called the motion for consideration of the members of the Legislature. George Ben, then the member for Humber who took part in the debate on the motion and gave that his intention was not to vote for or against the motion, found that unlike the rules in the House of Commons at Ottawa, there is no provision to abstain from voting. Thus, because he did not rise to indicate a 'yea' was called as registering a negative or 'nay' vote. His was the only dissenting vote of the total membership. It has been said that the Ontario flag paved the general acceptance amongst our people, with an alternative of the new Maple Leaf flag. The same could be said, I expect, for several other Provinces who at about the same time adopted Provincial flags. Now, all the Canadian provinces have their own provincial flags.

MAPLE LEAF FOREVER

It seems with a Maple Leaf flag, one could speculate why the song 'The Maple Leaf Forever' has not come into more general use. This song, written by Sir Thomas Muir was first played and sung at a conservative meeting at Beaverton. Perhaps the fact it had political overtones arising out of this may have had a bearing on its general usage.

Well, that's it for this week, drive carefully. We may have done quite a bit of flag-waving this week and last, but, that's our trouble, we don't do enough of it. Thanks again to Glen for writin' me about them flags - I shore found it interestin'. Hope you did.

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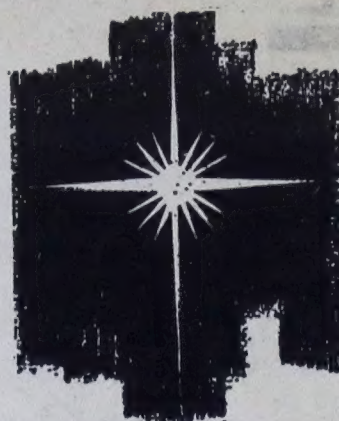
Yuletide

THE star that you hang on the tip of your tree, the mistletoe that Janie fastens hopefully at the doorway—these and other symbols of Christmas have reasons for being.

Legends about the Christmas tree abound. The Druids are said to have worshipped trees around them thousands of years ago. Gradually the tree took its rightful place among the symbols of worship.

In Scandinavia the people once idolized trees. When they became Christians they made trees part of Christmas festivities.

Another legend holds that the first Christmas tree was seen in a vision experienced by an English missionary named Winfrid. Later he was called



Boniface. It happened about 1,200 years ago when he was going through northern Germany. One day he stumbled on a group of non-believers huddled at an oak tree. They were preparing to sacrifice a little prince, Asulf, to the god Thor.

Winfrid stopped the ceremony and chopped down the oak. As the tree fell, a young fir tree appeared. Winfrid interpreted this as the tree of life, saying it represented Christ.

Symbols

The custom of decorating homes with green branches actually harks back to the days before Christ's birth. Romans exchanged tree branches for good luck at the start of January. The English copied the custom, associating it with Christmas. An old English rhyme explained it this way:

"Holly and ivy, box and bay, put in the church on Christmas Day."

Christmas decorations remind us of old beliefs. In England people kept a sprig of holly in the house after the holidays to protect the house against lightning. Mistletoe was likewise kept in the house as a guard against witches. People in rural areas were known to wear a bit of mistletoe tied in a tiny bag about the neck as a witch repellent.

'Christkindli' of Switzerland Reappears at Holy Season

Christmas has a unique significance in the German and French speaking regions of Switzerland because the "Christkindli," or Christ Child, is believed to walk on earth during this season.

Instead of Santa Claus, the "Christkindli," represented as a beautiful, radiant, angel-like being with wings carrying a magic wand and wearing a shining crown, distributes Christmas gifts and Christmas trees glittering with fanciful decorations.

Although the "Christkindli" is commonly believed to personify the Christ-Child, he is sometimes represented as an angel bearing a light or a star just as an angel heralded the birth of Christ at Bethlehem. On the other hand, the "Christkindli" has some of the characteristics of a sprite, as suggested by the wand and the wings, which can be linked to pre-Christian beliefs. Some suggest he may stem from the pagan custom of representing the New Year as a radiant and beautiful child.

Like Santa, the "Christkindli" also arrives in a

sleigh drawn by reindeer, so there would appear to be some intermingling of Christmas legends here.

St. Nicholas is represented in several ways in different parts of Switzerland. In some, he is called Father Christmas and comes with his wife, Lucy (representing St. Lucy whose feast day is December 13) to distribute gifts. He wears the traditional Santa Claus costume, while Lucy wears a round cap over her long braids, a laced bodice and a fancy apron.

In the central part of Switzerland, St. Nicholas is represented more realistically in his bishop's regalia complete with mitre and crozier. On St. Nicholas' Day, which falls on December 6th, there is a magnificent parade in which white bearded masqueraders, clothed in long white shirts, carry huge three-foot mitre-shaped lanterns over their heads. These lanterns are perforated in intricate religious designs, similar to church windows, and when the candlelight shines through them, as their bearers execute a stately dance, they are an impressive sight indeed.

In the village of Urnaesch in the Canton of Appenzell, the men and boys go "Santa Clausing." Some wear red Santa Claus costumes with jingling bells while others, dressed and masked as "ladies," wear enormous, elaborate picture hats decorated with panoramas of Alpine scenes. Starting early in the day on New Year's Eve, the group proceeds through the

village with an unusual hopsotch gait, stopping at each farm to share their merriment and partake of refreshments. When darkness falls, they all head for the Valley to pursue their New Year revelry.

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BEYOND REASON

by

PETER G. SWEET

RETURNS IN JANUARY

OPP warn of thin ice

With the approach of winter and a new snowmobiling season, Commissioner H. H. Graham of the Ontario Provincial Police reminds snowmobilers of the dangers of travelling on thinly-frozen lakes and rivers, especially early in the season.

Every year, members of the OPP are called upon to investigate incidents of persons going through the ice, many with tragic results. Later in the season when ice is thicker, a thorough knowledge of prevailing ice conditions is still ne-

cessary. Underwater currents can erode the strongest ice so that there is open water on even the coldest days.

Commissioner Graham recently said that a new problem has arisen. Many cottagers are using "Ice-Away" machines to protect their docks and boat-houses. Air Pumped into the water creates a turbulence which prevents the formation of ice. These machines are very useful for protecting the lakeside property but present a potential hazard to any person travelling on the ice.

Anybody using the ice-away machine should remember that they have a definite legal responsibility to guard the opening in the ice. The law states that anyone who makes an opening in ice has a legal duty to guard it so as to prevent any person from falling into the water. Should someone fall through the opening and drown, the person who made the opening could be guilty of manslaughter and liable to life imprisonment.

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Mr. J. A. McNabb, President and general manager of Greg May Broadcasting Ltd., is pleased to announce the appointment of Ms. Sue Hynds to the news and commentary department of radio station CKLY. Ms. Hynds will be responsible for continuous development of news reporting from the newly enlarged 10,000 watt broadcast area. Her experience as a news reader for CBC radio Vancouver and related positions in Merchandising with Toronto agencies assure CKLY listeners of an ever increasing volume of district wide news.

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THE HOME

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...To all my friends and supporters on Stanhope Township for your confidence in me in the December 2 election.
...Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to one and all.

SINC NESBITT

St. Paul's
Christmas
services

Sunday, 22 December (Advent IV)
8:00 A.M. Holy Eucharist
11:00 A.M. Festival of Lessons and Carols
Tuesday, 24 December (Christmas Eve)
8:30 P.M. "Midnight" Eucharist of Christmas
Wednesday, 25 December (Christmas Day)
8:00 A.M. Holy Eucharist
Friday, 27 December (St. John, Apostle and Evangelist)
4:30 P.M. Holy Eucharist
Saturday, 28 December (The Holy Innocents)
10:00 A.M. Holy Eucharist

At St. Peter's Maple Lake
Sun. 22 Dec. 7:30 P.M. Festival of Lessons & Carols
Wed. 25 Dec. 9:30 A.M. Holy Eucharist

At St. Stephen's, Boskung

Sun. 22 Dec. 3:00 P.M. Holy Eucharist
Sun. 29 Dec. 3:00 P.M. Holy Eucharist-Patronal Festival

Cottage break-in
prevention

This is the time of year when most persons close their cottages for the winter. Here are some security reminders from the community services branch of the Ontario Provincial Police that could help prevent your cottage from being broken into during the winter months:

1. Have you removed as many of your portable valuables as possible?
2. Could you positively identify your property by some type of identifiable mark?

"Operation Identification" - the marking of your property for positive identification.

3. Are the windows and doors secured, preferably covered with shutters or some other solid material?
4. Have you checked your locking devices, are they of good quality, in good repair and properly installed?
5. Are you going to check your cottage during the winter? If your cottage appears to be broken into, don't touch, move or wander about the scene, this only destroys evidence needed by the police

to apprehend the culprit.

6. Have you formed a cottage association, a close relationship with a neighbour and arranged to check each others property when in the area?

No cottage can be completely burglar-proof. You can however improve security to a point where a burglar will consider that the risk of detection outweighs his potential gain.

Should you discover that your cottage has been broken into please contact your local detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police.

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EDITORIALLY

Shameful Spectacle

A short while ago Finance Minister John Turner pleaded with Canadians to use common sense to combat inflation. Just last week he said he was consulting with business and labor to set guidelines to deal with inflation.

Yet now, we are treated to the shameful spectacle of that same government proposing a 50 per cent pay increase for members of parliament.

Whether or not a pay hike of this magnitude is justified is not really the question. To propose it at all in the midst of today's galloping inflation is sheer folly and a wanton betrayal of public trust.

If this increase is passed, and it appears almost certain it will be, the national yardstick will have been set for unions and other groups negotiating wage increases in the months to come.

For example, although the Province of Ontario recently turned down the demand of its civil servants for a 41 per cent wage increase, it can anticipate extreme difficulty in all future negotiations with them as the "standard" proposed by Ottawa is used to support wage demands.

This move by Ottawa not only sets a bad example for the rest of Canada as we battle inflation, it is ill-timed and self-serving.

Members of parliament, if they are to remain true to their constituents, must vote this proposal down, even if this means voting contrary to their party.

A "do as we say, not as we do" type of government is not the government Canadians want, not the one they voted for last July.

Amazing

For those who watched the CBC-TV's Ombudsman program last Sunday the performance of Postmaster-General Bryce Mackasey was amazing...and alarming.

Ombudsman, a program that presents then tries to solve problems experienced by Canadians with red tape and bureaucracy in business and government, tackled the post office and alleged thefts of mail and money.

Admirably, Mr. Mackasey stood solidly behind his postal workers and their integrity, as well he should.

Less admirable, however, was his apparent total unconcern for the plight of those Canadians and others who must rely on the mails, some of whom spoke up on the program.

When it came to an American, the vice-president of a credit card company, who said that "about \$1 1/2 million in Canadian government cheques alone were stolen in 1973 in Quebec" and who further stated that the theft of credit cards mailed to customers is a major problem in Quebec, Mr. Mackasey's comment was "the U.S. isn't going to tell us how to run the Canadian post office."

Mr. Mackasey's approach, at least on the program, seemed to be one of attack and confuse, rather than the frank discussion of a problem over which he must be deeply concerned.

Canadians expect better things of their Postmaster-General.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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The Editor,
The Minden Progress,
Minden, Ontario

December 10, 1974

Dear Sir:
On behalf of the Belleville District Taxation Office and myself, I would like to take this opportunity to express the wish that you and your staff find Joy during this Holiday Season and Peace throughout the New Year.

Yours sincerely,

Laura M. Gundesen,
Public Relations Office.

You've got to be kidding!
But, Season's Greetings anyway. (Ed.)



FACING THE FACTS

Italy Celebrates Religious Christmas Festivities Representing Many Origins

The celebration of Christmas in Italy, perhaps more than in any other country, illustrates the multiple origins of the festivities we observe in modern times.

Christmas in Italy is primarily a religious festival, highlighted by the Christmas Novena, a series of church services on nine nights preceding Christmas and culminating in a Mid-night Mass on Christmas Eve.

A feature of the observance is the display, usually from Christmas Eve to Epiphany (January 6th) of the creche or Persepio (the word means manger or stable), a Nativity scene with more or less elaborate landscaping and figures of sheep, cattle, and shepherds, as well as Mary, Joseph and the Christ Child. At Epiphany, figures of the Three Kings with their retinues, bringing gifts to the Child, are added.

These Nativity scenes originated in the thirteenth century with Saint Francis of Assisi, who decided to make the Christmas Eve Mass a re-enactment of the birth of Christ, and for many centuries they remained essentially an ecclesiastical presentation, with local churches vying for the most decorative creche. In more recent times, Nativity scenes have moved into private homes as well.

In the early years of the Christian faith, persecution made public observation of Christmas impractical, and it was not until several hundred years had passed that the birth of Christ was given an official date for celebration. It is by no means certain that December 25th is the actual anniversary of the birth of Jesus, but it was an appropriate date for the observance. It coincided with the Winter Solstice celebrations of long standing throughout the northern world, with the Roman Saturnalia, and with the Jewish Hannukah, Festival of Lights, providing a firm historical base, familiar to everyone in the



ZAMPOGNA AND CENNAMILLA are played by Italians dressed as shepherds in front of the Christmas manger at the Piazza Navona in Rome. Similar to a bagpipe, and made of sheepskin, the zampogna was used in the days of ancient Romans. The cennamilla is a small flute. In a custom now fast disappearing, bagpipers from mountains of the Abruzzi and Latium come to Rome to play traditional tunes at the start of the Christmas season celebration, usually on November 29, the day commencing the Novena of the Immaculate Conception. Photo courtesy Italian State Tourist Office.

then-known world, for a major festival.

EARLY CUSTOMS

It is not surprising, therefore, that many customs derived from earlier celebrations have become a part of the Christmas observance in Italy. The coming of the Winter Solstice, marking the beginning of longer days, was observed in pre-Christian times by the decoration of houses with greens, and this custom, taking on added significance as a symbol of the rebirth of hope in the coming of Christ, is observed in Italy with sprigs of holly and mistletoe.

Similarly, the seasonal giving of gifts, already traditional in the Roman custom of giving branches

picked in the grove of the goddess Strenia was appropriately converted to the giving of "Strenne," Christmas or New Year's presents, following the later tradition of the gifts of the Magi to the Christ-Child and symbolizing the gifts to mankind brought by Jesus' birth.

CHRISTMAS TREE ORIGIN

The Christmas tree, which originated in Germany, has come slowly into popularity in Italy, especially in the north, but it had its forerunner, especially around Florence, in the Ceppi, or Christmas pyramids, composed of shelves of various sizes fixed to a pole. (The word "ceppo" means tree trunk and, by usage, a Christmas gift). On the shelves were placed

decorations of greens and small toys and presents.

It is possible that the ceppo may have been a replacement for the Yule log. But the burning of the Yule log, another custom of pre-Christian origin, is not unknown in Italy, where there is the pleasant legend that the Virgin Mary enters the homes of the humble at midnight, when the household is at Mass, to warm her newborn Child before the blazing log.

ITALY FOCAL POINT

The fact that Italy contained the capital of the Roman world and, as a logical result, the headquarters of the Christian Church, has given Christmas in Italy a particularly rich observance.

HALL'S LAKE NEWS

by Doreen Stinson

The Fire Department for Stanhope Township is playing Host to our Senior Citizens on Saturday, each fireman to bring a couple. Children too are being invited and there will be films, refreshments, and even Old Santa with a gift for everyone will be on hand. This affair is being held at the nice new Fire Hall and will give Seniors an opportunity to see the equipment and the fire fighting volunteers. We think this is a lovely idea and hope everyone will have a wonderful time on Saturday. The Friendly Neighbours' group met last Thursday evening at Mrs. Dorothy Kinsmen's home on Highway 35. This group was formerly known as the Sunshine Group and newcomers to the community especially are invited to join in, but there are still many of the originals. Each woman has a secret name throughout the year whom she keeps in touch with on birthdays and special occasions, or if sickness strikes or trouble she tries to lend a hand. Twenty-four ladies were present and they had a pleasant time at their annual Christmas Party. Mr. Oscar Sisson celebrated a well advanced birthday last Tuesday evening with a dinner party and several neighbours and friends called in to help him celebrate and to wish him a Happy Birthday. His friends from Hall's Lake wish him a belated greeting too.

We are so sorry to learn that Mrs. Jean Irwin is ill in Toronto. So recently she was involved in the Tea and Bazaar at the Home. We do hope she makes a good recovery.

Mrs. Hazel Welch and the McGuire's hope to spend Christmas in Georgetown with the McGuire's daughter and family.

Mrs. Jean Wheeler had a nice holiday with her son and his family in Michigan. She went down for the American Thanksgiving in November and returned just last week. Mrs. Carole MacDonald, Mrs. V. Smith and Mrs. Anne Barker were all welcomed into the "Friendly Neighbours' Club" last Thursday.

Pretty lights for Christmas are showing up everywhere. St. Stephen's Ladies' Guild had their Annual Christmas dinner and party at Stinson's on Wednesday evening. Bill Mole was Santa and he and the Rev. Douglas Brown caused much laughter in a game where they were blindfolded and wore oven mitts and had to put nylon stockings on over each foot, with shoes on. Several other just fun games were enjoyed and Mrs. Mary Oliver gave some readings in her own inimitable Yorkshire style. Boxes were packed for shut-in absent members and a good time was had by all as greetings were exchanged for a Happy and Blessed Yuletide.

The "Holy Land" pictures which Lloyd Johnson showed at Club 35 last evening were even better than anticipated. For anyone who hasn't seen them watch for their next showing coming up soon. We appreciate Lloyd's taking time out of his busy schedule to share these pictures with all of us and we trust our little contribution will enable him to get the second set made for "Father Hutchinson" in his new Charge at Mississauga. The members of Club 35 served refreshments at intermission to give everyone, including Lloyd, a little break from the 2 1/2 hour showing, and commentary.

A nice new hot water tank and stove with a good oven in the kitchen of Club 35 is the latest acquisition and will make catering and serving a lot more pleasant. Proceeds from Euchre parties, the Summer Bingos and Bake Sales etc. have enabled the members to take care of these improvements and thanks to those who turn out to these affairs.

We have just enough snow to put us into the Christmas mood, and we've even heard a snowmobile or two around, but we have certainly been spared any deep snow thus far.

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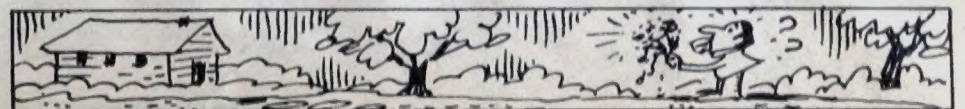
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RON GRAHAM



TODAY'S CHILD

BY HELEN ALLEN

THE TORONTO SUN SYNDICATE

Kirk is seven, a lively busy boy with brown hair and dark eyes. He is in excellent health but has very poor vision because of detached retinas in both eyes. Glasses will not help and doctors feel surgery will not help either.

Kirk copes well with his disability, doing all the things other children do — running, climbing, reading and watching television. He is in a special class because of his eye problem and will continue to need that kind of special facility.

Adults find Kirk an affectionate, interesting child. He is popular with children. He has a great imagination and his school principal says he is very bright in some areas. He loves painting and music.

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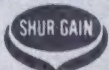
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In the hope that Canadians can enjoy the Christmas holiday season without accident or mishap, the Canada Safety Council suggests these twelve safety tips for Christmas trees:

1. Buy a fresh tree, with springy branches and tight green needles.
2. Keep it outdoors in water or snow until ready to set up.
3. Saw off at least two inches of the trunk, diagonally.
4. Use a water-reservoir tree holder, and keep it filled.
5. Keep the tree away from drying and heat sources such as radiators, registers, and fireplaces.
6. Use only UL or Canadian Standard s Assn. approved lights in good repair.
7. Use only fire-proof decorations if possible.
8. Do not place electrical toys under tree, except wrapped or in boxes.
9. Secure top of tree with wire or fine string if there are very young children or pets in the home, to avoid tipping.
10. Consider using an artificial flame proof tree.
11. Remove the tree to the outdoors as soon as possible.

12. Never burn a Christmas tree in the fireplace. The idea of making the Christmas tree flame retardant appeals to all of us, and each year various organizations publicize do-it-yourself treatments. Usually, the solution suggested in the borax/boric acid compound. According to the National Fire Protection Association, this treatment is satisfactory when used for the temporary fire retarding of cellulosic fabrics such as cotton and rayon but it is of little value when used on Christmas trees. The needles of a tree do not soak up the chemical as a fabric does, nor can they be readily coated on all sides. The only sure method of flame retarding natural trees is to completely immerse them in an Underwriters Laboratories listed tree fire-retardant, and no private individual would be expected to go to such trouble and expense. The Council therefore suggests the above safety tips should be clipped out and used when needed.

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CBC RADIO

Christmas Programs

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Budd Knapp returns as the famous French sleuth in Maigret's Christmas on CBC Stage, Sat., Dec. 21, followed by Anthology in which Morley Callaghan reveals his thoughts on winter in a personal essay...

Not to be missed Sun., Dec. 22 is a re-broadcast of what has become a contemporary Canadian classic, A Child's Christmas in Scarborough, rendered by Howard Engel, on Sunday Supplement. Also, Cornish Christmas, a monodrama by David Watmough, is a nostalgic return to the author's boyhood in Cornwall during the Second World War...

On the same day, big name entertainers such as Juliette, Anne Murray, John Allan Cameron and Sylvia Tyson call up their memories of Christmas in different parts of the country, on The Entertainers...

Once again CBC Radio makes its traditional offering of Handel's Messiah on Christmas Eve, with the Toronto Mendelssohn Choir, the Toronto Symphony Orchestra, and soloists Lois Marshall, soprano, Lilli Chookasian, contralto, Charles-Bressler, tenor, and Donald Bell, bass-baritone...

On Christmas Day, This

Country in the Morning is prefaced by the annual message from H.M. The Queen. On Canadians Greet Canadians, listeners send personal greetings to friends and relatives in Canada and to our Armed Forces overseas. There will also be messages and musical requests to people back home from members of the Forces stationed overseas...

Dennis Lee, winner of the Governor General's Award for Poetry, reads from his collected poems for children, Alligator Pie and Nicholas Knock, in a program of fun and fantasy...

Feast, Fest and Celebrate offers a chronicle of year-end festivities throughout the ages, from the Saturnalia of Rome to the western Canadian Christmas of artist Paul Kane and of the Mounties of Fort MacLeod...

CBC Christmas Night concludes with seven hours of music, poetry, the myths of Christmas (with Northrop Frye), comedy by the Royal Canadian Air Force, and special editions of the popular BBC shows, My Word and My Music...

And on Boxing Day, Themes and Variations presents carols by The Toronto Mendelssohn Choir and the Festival Singers, conducted by Elmer Iseler...

CBC Radio offers fine Christmas fare - but no turkeys.

Christmas Stamp Contest

Ottawa - The Canada Post Office has organized an imaginative 1975 Christmas stamp design project directed to Canadian children under the age of 13. Called Christmas Canada, the project will begin December 2. Canadian children from coast to coast are invited to contribute their own drawings or paintings, expressing the theme "What Christmas Means to Me." These will be used to produce several distinctive Christmas stamp designs reflecting the essence of the Christmas spirit and the freshness and variety of young minds. The Departments of Educa-

tion in every province are cooperating with the project. Children are invited to participate in the project by submitting their personally executed designs between December 2, 1974 and February 14, 1975.

It is hoped that this project, which offers an opportunity for children to see their own drawing or painting on a Canadian stamp, will be an interesting experience for them as well as being fun. For further information contact your local post office.

A similar contest in 1970 drew participation from more than 50,000 children.

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DECEMBER 21-27

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Weekend Viewing

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 21		
7:30	3	Happy House
8:00	3	Circle Square
8:30	3	Rocket Robin Hood
8:55	3	Max the Mouse
9:00	3	Brady Kids
		A Visit With Santa
9:30	3	Lassie
10:00	3	Family Affair
	12	Little's Hobo
10:30	3	Tarzan
	12	Wonders of the Wild
11:00	12	Rocket Robin
11:30	3	Roller Derby
	12	Campus Quiz
12:00	12	Wild Kingdom
12:30	3	Outdoor Sportsman
	12	Garner Ted Armstrong
1:00	3,12	NFL
1:30	22	WHA Hockey
3:30	3,12	Sports Week
4:00	3,12	Curling
	22	That Talk Show
5:00	3,12	Bugs Bunny
5:30	22	Let's Go
6:00	3	Movie-Make Mine
		Mink
	12	Now - Doug Hall
	22	Newsweek
6:30	12	Stompin' Tom
	22	Follyfoot
7:00	12	Rhoda
	22	Going Places
7:30	12	TBA
	22	Sports Probe
8:00	3,12	NHL
	22	World of Wicks
8:30	22	The Number to Call
10:00	22	Movie-The Counterfeit
		Traitor
10:30	3,12	Leilidh
11:00	3,12	The National
11:20	3	Late Edition
	12	Night Final
11:50	12	Movie-Penny Serenade
12:00	3	Movie-Assassination
		Bureau
2:11	3	Conjugal Bed
3:59	3	Gun for a Coward

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 22		
7:30	3	Hisey House of Song
8:00	3	Day of Discovery
8:30	3,12	O.E.C.A.
10:30	3	Encounter
	12	Horst Koehler
11:00	3	Crossroads
	12	Meeting Place
11:30	3	Ed Allen
12:00	3	Third Degree
	12	Outdoor Sportsman
	22	Niven Miller
12:30	3	Herald of Truth
	12	Rex Humbard
	22	Master's Touch
1:00	3	Movie Review
	22	Johnny Lombardi
1:30	3,12	Country Canada
2:00	3,12	NFL
2:30	22	Allen Spraggett
3:00	22	The Entertainers
3:30	22	Christmas with Oral
		Roberts
4:30	3,12	Sports Week
	22	Agape
5:00	3,12	Music to See
	22	Children's Classics
5:30	3	Rhoda
	12	Hymn Sing
6:00	3,12	World of Disney
	22	Beware - Report
6:30	22	World of Wicks
7:00	3,12	Beachcombers
	22	Wildlife Cinema
7:30	3,12	Irish Rovers
	22	The Great Debate
8:00	3,12	The Waltons
8:30	22	Shh! It's the News
9:00	3,12	Performance
	22	Global Presents
10:00	3,12	Drink, Drank, Drunk
	22	Callan
11:00	3,12	The National
	22	Help Line
11:20	3	Late Edition
	12	Night Final
11:40	12	Combat
12:00	3	Movie-Tarzan's new
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MONDAY - FRIDAY

8:00	3	Daybeat
9:00	3	Happy House
9:30	3,12	Mon Ami
9:45	3,12	Friendly Giant
10:00	3,12	Camera Twelve
10:30	3,12	Mr. Dressup
11:00	3	Seasame Street
	12	Polka Dot Door and
		O.E.C.A.
12:00	3	Jetsons
	12	News/Weather/Sports
12:30	3	Partridge Family
	12	Party Game
1:00	3	Truth or Consequences
	12	Movie
1:30	3	This 'n' That
2:30	3,12	Edge of Night
3:00	3	Hollywood Squares
	12	Marie Callaghan
3:30	3,12	Adrienne At Large
	22	Alphabet of Life
4:00	3,12	Family Court
	22	That Talk Show
4:30	3,12	See changes below
5:00	3	Family Affair
	12	My Three Sons
	22	Doctor In the House
5:30	3	Early Edition
	12	Partridge Family
	22	Hollywood Squares

CHANGES

MON. WED., FRI.,		
4:30	3,12	Dr. Zonk and the
		Zunkins
Mon.		
4:30	22	Allen Spraggett With
		E.S.P.
TUES.		
4:30	3,12	Mr. Wizard
THURS.		
4:30	3,12	Hi Diddle Day

Evening Viewing Monday to Friday

MONDAY, DECEMBER 23		
6:00	3	Movie - In Name Only
	12	Evening Report
	22	Global News
6:30	12	Hawaii Five-O
	22	Movie - That Certain
		Feeling
7:30	12	Paul Sands Show
8:00	3,12	Mary Tyler Moore
8:30	3,12	This is the Law
	22	Good Times
9:00	3,12	Cannon
	22	Lucas Tanner
10:00	3,12	Old Timers
	22	Global News
10:30	3,12	Man Alive
11:00	3,12	The National
	22	Movie - Tamshine
11:20	3	Late Edition
	12	Night Final
11:50	12	Movie - Rampage at
		Apache Wells
12:00	3	Movie - Young at
		Heart

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 24		
6:00	3	Movie - Miracle on
		34th Street
	12	Evening Report
	22	Global News
6:30	12	Sierra
	22	Special
7:30	12	Bobby Goldsboro
	22	Festival of Light
8:00	3,12	Happy Days
8:30	3,12	Police Story
9:00	22	Dofasco Choir
9:30	3,12	Front Page Challenge
	22	Let's Go
10:00	3,12	Up Canada
	22	Global News
10:30	3,12	News Magazine
11:00	3,12	The National
	22	Movie - Right to the
		Heart

11:20	3	Late Edition
	12	Night Final
11:30	12	Christmas Eve -
		Pope Paul
12:00	3	Movie - Bell of St.
		Mary's

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 25		
5:00	3	Movie - Wacky World
		of Mother Goose
6:00	3	Movie - 3's a Crowd
	12	Evening Report
	22	Global News
6:30	12	Manhunter
	22	Movie - Homecoming
7:30	12	Bob Newhart
8:00	3,12	Old Timers
8:30	3,12	Musicamera
	22	Sanford & Son
9:00	22	New Land
9:30	3,12	Man Alive
10:00	22	Global News
10:30	3,12	First Person Singular
11:00	3,12	The National
	22	Movie - Merry World
		of Leopold Z
11:20	3	Late Edition
	12	Night Final
11:50	12	Movie - 3 on a Couch
12:00	3	Movie - Hole in the
		Head

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 26		
6:00	3	Movie - Nutty Pro-
		fessor
	12	Evening Report
	22	Global News
6:30	12	Apple's Way
	22	Movie - Dangerous
		When Wet
7:30	12	Paper Moon
8:00	3,12	Carol Burnett
8:30	22	Great Debate

9:00	3	Movie - Marry Me,
		Marry Me
	12	Movie - An Elephant
		Called Slowly
9:30	22	Shh! It's the News
10:00	22	Global News
11:00	3,12	The National
	22	Movie - Teacher's Pet
11:20	3	Late Edition
	12	Night Final
11:50	12	Movie - Birds Do It
12:00	3	Movie - Of Mice &
		Men

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 27		
6:00	3	Third Degree
	12	Evening Report
	22	Global News
6:30	3	Outdoor Sportsman
	12	Gunsmoke
	22	Goodtime Country
7:00	3	Movie Review
	22	Special Branch
7:30	3	Reach for the Top
	12	Chico & the Man
8:00	3,12	All in the Family
	22	WHA Hockey
8:30	3,12	M*A*S*H
9:00	3,12	Tommy Hunter
10:00	3	Mannix
	12	Night Stalker
10:30	22	Global News
11:00	3,12	The National
	22	Movie - Pleasure of
		His Company
11:20	3	Late Edition
	12	Night Final
11:50	12	Movie - Magnificent
		Obsession
12:00	3	Movie - Viva Zapata
1:45	12	The Unreal
2:17	3	Empty Canvas
4:39	3	Golden Blade

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It was during the Leslie M. Frost Administration of the Government of Ontario and in particular through the Ministry of Public Works headed by the Honourable Fletcher Stewart Thomas that this project got to the drawing board for planning and design in the Architects and Engineers' Branch of his ministry at Queen's Park. The time was Autumn 1951. The criteria for design was a building to house a Provincial Police Detachment building with separate accommodation for the offices of Haliburton County. It would be fabricated of high

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the Department of Public Works; Bruce Mills, Planner and Designer of the project; S.A. Stanley, working drawings; Bradford-Hoschal of Port Hope, General Contractors. The Building Committee appointed by County Council included Reginald Booth, Chairman, and Clayton Rogers and William Hounsell.

This building continued in its designed use until June, 1971 when the Ontario Provincial Police moved to their new location, and the building is now completely utilized with the Council Chambers, Board Room and County Administration Offices.

Appointment



MS. JEANNETTE REED

Mr. J. A. McNabb, president and general manager of Greg May Broadcasting Ltd. takes pleasure in announcing the appointment of Ms. Jeanette Reed as Music Director for radio station CKLY. In addition to being responsible for the music played on CKLY, Ms. Reed retains her own air show Monday to Friday 1:00 to 3:00 P.M. Formerly employed by a number of Ontario Radio Stations Ms. Reed brings to her new position broadcast, music and writing experience a background which will be of interest to listeners in the newly enlarged 10,000 watt CKLY listening area.

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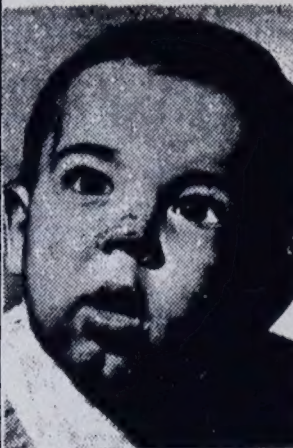
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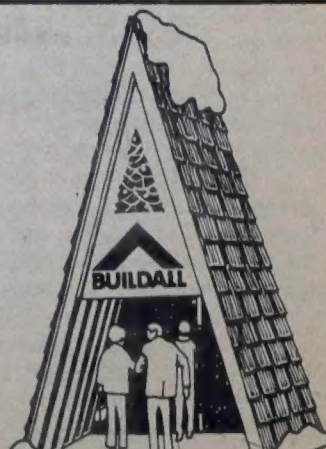
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ABOUT THE TOWN

with Jeanne Sears



We wonder how people who are experiencing a lay-off from their work will enjoy Christmas. Many plants are closing for three weeks or more, so hopefully conditions will change though many statisticians predict we are in for a depression.

Sincere sympathy to the families and friends of the late Mrs. James Minto Sr., and Clifford Kellett whose funerals were since last week.

Last Thursday night we read in the Toronto Star a page about U.F.O.'s and mentioned in this was the coverage on this subject in Minden Progress. We still haven't seen one of these, perhaps it would be better if we didn't.

At the weekly Mini Card Party at the Parish Hall last Thurs afternoon winners were for euchre May Wright, Shirley Elcome and Ann Rockory, Lone Hands; and for cribbage Joyce Hewitt and Fred Wright. There will be a card party on the 19th and these will resume on Jan. 2 at 1.30.

Friday was the morning to see the partial eclipse of the sun, but too cloudy here, though some people at Haliburton village viewed this quite easily.

There was a grand Christmas Concert at the auditorium of Archie Stouffer Public School last Friday night with a full house enjoying the songs and skits.

Looking for a gift for that "Person who has everything" give a jar of your own pickles or jam in holiday wrap.

Last Saturday afternoon Mrs. Randy Peters was the recipient of a shower of miscellaneous gifts at United Church Hall and after opening these she thanked her friends for their kindness.

Is this true? "A friend is someone who can see right through you and still enjoy the show."

Mr. and Mrs. Lynn Cox spent the weekend visiting Mr. and Mrs. Ron Cox and family of Peterborough and Mr. and Mrs. Goldie Henderson and family of Roseneath.

There will be no Rotary Bingo Thursday nights for a while but we will try to get the date of the next games for this column.

Mr. and Mrs. Blake Hughes and Amy of Port Credit were weekend guests with his parents Mr. and Mrs. Bob Hughes.

Mrs. D. Bussey and daughter Lynanne (of Regina) are visiting Mr. and Mrs. H.J. Walter, Hart Lodge during the holiday season.

At the Open House at Home Hardware last Tuesday night, Santa was a visitor and winners of childrens' prizes were Chris Reed and Terri Cox.

The Post Office is a busy place this time of year, try to include the postal code number as this speeds up delivery and please put the cards in the boxes on the counter provided for them. These go out of town to go through stamping but still have to be sorted here on their arrival here.

Why do the bells of Christmas ring?

Why do little children sing?

Once a lovely shining star,

Seen by shepherds from afar,

Gently moved until its light

Made a manger's candle bright.

There a darling baby lay,

Pillowed soft upon the hay;

And it's mother sang, and smiled,

"This is Christ the Holy Child."

Therefore bells for Christmas ring,

Therefore little children sing.

Eugene Fields.

A Special Wish for Health and Happiness goes to the Senior Citizens of our Community whether at home or at Hyland Crest.

This Christmas make sure your tree is fresh and green, and water it often to keep the needles, so that all may have a safe holiday.

When choosing stuffed dolls or animals make sure the eyes are fastened on well as everyone knows everything goes in a child's mouth.

Saturday night at Haliburton Legion was the occasion of a dance in honour of Helen and Carl Dugan on their 30 Wedding Anniversary. Congratulations to this happy Couple.

At the moment the ground is covered with snow, but raining a bit to-day, Monday, drive carefully, Cherrilo until next time.

TODAY'S HEALTH

Try this Christmas safety slogan: "None for the road"

by David Woods

This is the festive season all right — but it's also a time of year when the number of alcohol-related automobile accidents increases significantly. For the people involved, there's nothing much to celebrate.

The most obvious way drivers can avoid becoming a holiday season statistic is not to drink at all. But it would be churlish — not to mention Scrooge-like — to suggest that as a course of action.

The alternative is moderation. And if you have more than two or three drinks — forget about driving. That amount of alcohol will impair your ability to handle a car — the breathalyzer test will confirm that fact. And there's no way you can beat the breathalyzer, or refuse to submit to it if you're actually inside the car and a policeman thinks you've had more than enough to drink.

By refusing to mix drinking with driving, you protect not only yourself, your family and friends, but the other driver as well. This is a pretty sobering thought in itself when you consider that more than 50 per cent of auto accidents involve alcohol. Even so, there are still victims who are completely innocent. The drinking driver and his car form a potentially suicidal — or homicidal — combination.

Not only that, but there's nothing you can really do to defuse alcohol's effects on your system. Dr. Edward Sellers, head of the Addiction Research Foundation's intensive care unit, points out that no amount of black coffee or splashings

of cold water will improve the situation.

The only thing that will do the trick, he says, is time spent in bed, in an armchair — or just about anywhere but in a driver's seat.

And if you're hosting a party, says Sellers, you have an unquestionable responsibility to your guests. If you think they're incapable of driving, tell them. They won't like it, but they'll be thankful in the morning. So be firm: take the overboozed partygoer's car keys — and put him into a taxi, or put him up for the night. That way, he'll have a better chance of being invited back to your place next year.

How much is enough? It's difficult to say, but in general it takes the body about one hour to process one ounce of alcohol. While two drinks can move you close to the legal definition of impairment — blood alcohol concentration of .08 as measured by breathalyzer tests — some people can be quite unfit to drive before that stage.

Such factors as body weight, drinking on an empty stomach, or drinking on one that contains chemicals such as tranquilizers, cold remedies, antihistamines, sleeping pills, codeine or other strong analgesics, all play a part.

As Dr. Sellers says, you shouldn't mix drink with drugs anyway. Adding the two of them to driving is just asking for serious trouble.

So, as you celebrate the holiday season, learn when to say "when." If you can't, then at least remember — for your own and other people's sakes — none for the road.

Forest fires in '74

Ottawa -- In its final report for the 1974 forest fire season, the Canadian Forestry Service records a total of 7,673 forest fires in Canada during the months of April to October inclusive, affecting a total 2,070,000 acres.

For the 1973 fire season, the

corresponding figures were 7,475 fires and 2,974,000 acres.

During the month of October, 440 fires burned over 116,000 acres of forest land, a dramatic increase over the same month last year, when 189 fires affected only 3,000 acres.

Average figures for the month of October for the 10-year period 1964-1973 are 171 fires over 4,000 acres, while the seasonal averages for the same 10-year period are 7,798 fires and 2,311,000 acres.

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Many Faiths Converge On Modern Bethlehem, Observe Christ's Birth

It is customary in the United States to celebrate the birth of Jesus on December 25th, the date observed by the Roman Catholic Church and most Protestant denominations, but not all Christian faiths adhere to that date.

In Bethlehem, Christ's birthplace, the Roman celebration begins on Christmas Eve, December 24th, highlighted by the traditional Midnight Mass, and continues on Christmas Day. The Greek Orthodox Church, however, observes January 7 as Christmas Day, marking the occasion with similar ceremonies. January 18th and 19th are the dates for the observance in the Armenian Church.

The three faiths have their own churches and chapels within the Basilica of the Nativity in Bethlehem and each observes Christmas on its own day with services in the Grotto of the Nativity at the exact spot where, it is believed, Jesus was born.

The separate observances are bolstered by a long history which ecumenism may find it difficult to erase. For centuries the Churches disputed possession of the sanctuary, originally built by the Roman Emperor Constantine in 330, and precedence in worshipping there. The Greek Catholics took possession of the building in 1872. The Roman Catholics have shared it since the mid-19th century with the Greeks. Armenians have their own chapel and monastery in this city of about 25,000 population.

Since the different observances all involve numbers of celebrants, processions, traffic control, and other civic problems, the authorities of Bethlehem and the surrounding area would be just as happy if Christmas were celebrated universally on one day, but it is unlikely that such unanimity will be achieved soon in the face of the different traditions.



MODERN BETHLEHEM, viewed from one of the higher bell towers in the city, retains many of its age-old customs and looks much the way it did during ancient times, despite modern vehicles which move through timeless streets. Photo courtesy Israeli Government Tourist Office.

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SPORTS

by Cliff Burke

Bowling

Cavanagh, Seggie lead Kawartha teams

Karl Cavanagh and Jean Seggie will lead the Kawartha District bowling representatives to Hamilton on February 15 in quest of the Carling O'Keefe Open for the 5 Pin Championships.

Karl will lead the mens singles team and will also lead the six man mens team by virtue of his fine 7373 pinfall over the thirty game roll-offs. Last weeks leader, Ray Darling, dropped to second with 7354 pins and will join Karl in the singles competition and also play in team competition. The other member in singles is Wayne Ihmaki who rolled up a 7246 total. The remainder of the men's team consists of Ted Trumper, Bob Burrows and Gene Reynolds. The four men who made the mixed team are Al Perry, Phil Chesher, Steve Barton of Fenelon Falls and our own Ron Robinson Jr. The men's alternate is Alf Griffin. Jean Seggie will lead the ladies team to Hamilton. Jean was second for both the first and second weeks of the roll-offs and trailed by more than 230 points. However, a tremendous effort by Jean at Lakeview Bowl in Peterborough on Sunday moved her into first place and a 218 point edge. The leader for the first two weeks of competition, Rita Brioux and third place Lil Welsberg will lead the ladies in singles competition as well as the front half on the ladies team. The remaining members of the ladies team are Bernice Douglas, Grace McDonald, and Penny Stewart of Fenelon Falls. The remaining three ladies, Helen Chun, Edna Maybury and Doreen Bruce will compete on the mixed team. The ladies alternate is Bea Tisdale.

The high singles in Sunday's action went to Ross McNaughton 352, and Ray Darling 349, Jean Seggie and Grace McDonald each with 318's.

One of the finer performances of this thirty game roll-off was turned in by young-at-heart Tom Cole with 7044 and good for twelfth place. Tom is 72 years old and sports a league bowling average of 272.

The Carling O'Keefe Open for the Ontario 5 Pin Cham-

ionships will take place in Hamilton of February 14, 15, and 16th at Sherwood Lanes.

The winners of the men's, ladies and mixed teams along with the men's and ladies singles in Hamilton, will fly to Calgary, Alberta to compete in the World's Championships, all expenses paid.

This writer would once again like to congratulate Mr. and Mrs. Ed Hillier for their fantastic job of organizing and pulling off these thirty game roll-offs at three different Bowling Centers, in such a smooth and efficient manner. I'm sure I can speak for all the bowlers in this respect, that Ed and Mary Hillier have done a tremendous job and I for one hope to see them both again next December.

THE CARLING O'KEEFE 5 PIN BOWLING

Final standings			
Men		Ladies	
1. Karl Cavanagh	7373	1. Jean Seggie	7184
2. Ray Darling	7354	2. Rita Brioux	6966
3. Wayne Ihmaki	7246	3. Lil Welsberg	6853
4. Ted Trumper	7225	4. Bernice Douglas	6761
5. Bob Burrows	7209	5. Grace McDonald	6716
6. Gene Reynolds	7113	6. Penny Stewart	6532
7. Al Perry	7101	7. Helen Chun	6383
8. Phil Chesher	7096	8. Edna Maybury	6354
9. Steve Barton	7075	9. Doreen Bruce	6331
10. Ron Robinson Jr.	7074	10. Bea Tisdale	6066
11. Alf Griffin	7069		
12. Cliff Burke	6572		

Sport Briefs

BURKE PICKS '74-'75 N.H.L. ALL-STARS

The writer's 1974-75 All-Star teams selection

In the Norris-Adams Division;		
Rogie Vachon	goalie	Gilles Gilbert
Gilbert Perreault	centre	Phil Esposito
Rene Rober	right wing	Guy Lafleur
Rick Martin	left wing	John Bucyk
Bobby Orr	defence	Jim McKenny
Guy Lapointe	defence	Dennis Potvin

cock, Doug Ray and Jack Raymond.

Friday night, at the King City arena, Schomberg led the Monarchs 6-3 after two periods, but Minden came back with 2 goals just 17 seconds apart to draw within one goal of the home club. In an effort to tie the game, the Monarchs pulled the goalie only to have it backfire with Schomberg scoring into the empty net with just 8 seconds left; final score 7-5. Minden's marksmen were Scotty Larue, Mike Jackson, Rick Dunsford, Doug Ray and Scott Morris. The Monarchs lost one of their steadier performers when Craig Morrison suffered a broken collar bone midway through the first period. He will be out of action for about six weeks.

Minden's next game is in Fenelon Falls tonight (Thursday) at 8:30 P.M., then the Monarchs host the Bracebridge Hawks Friday night at 8:30 P.M. at the Minden arena. Minden returns to Bracebridge Sunday night for a 7.30 pm game.

In the Patrick-Smythe Division;

Bobby Clark	center	Gary Unger
Jim Pappin	right wing	Reg Leach
Dennis Hull	left wing	Steve Vickers
Tom Bladen	defence	Brad Park
Jimmy Watson	defence	Bob Dalley
Bernie Parent	goalie	Tony Esposito

Norris-Adams division over the Patrick-Smythe Division 7-2

DARRELL STAMP NETS WINNER

West Gullford's Darrel Stamp, playing for the Toledo Goldiggers of the International Hockey League, scored the winning goal in his teams 2-1 win over Saginaw last week.

The Goldiggers appear to have a pretty fair offensive team but lack a defence as some of the scores over the past few games would indicate and also would be the reason that Toledo is in fourth place with an 8-14-1 record. Just a few of the recent games the Toledo has played, Toledo-7 Des Moines-6; Toledo-9 Lansing-7; Port Huron-5 Toledo-4 and Toledo-8 Dayton-1. The Goldiggers also lead the International league in penalties with a game average of 31 minutes.

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Monarchs game reports

BY DWIGHT THOMAS

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The Haliburton County Snowmobile Association is having a busy time. Meeting as often as three times in a week, to draw up this year's trail projects, to plan the Snowrama ride so that it will be most beneficial to Ontario's crippled children, and to discuss other important aspects of the organization's operation.

If current plans materialize, you'll get a choice of starting points in Snowrama. One trail will be used, basically the Tri-Trail, with groups leaving from Minden and from Haliburton at the same time. I will not elaborate on it at this point for all plans could be changed before the ride takes place, February 2nd.

Throughout the Province, 30,000 riders are expected to take part in this biggest rally ever planned for snowmobilers. They will ride on courses laid out in twelve snowmobiling centres. They are, Bruce Peninsula, Kitchener, Newmarket, Port Carling, Sudbury, Timmins, Thunder Bay, Sault Ste. Marie, Cornwall, Eganville, Smith Falls, and Haliburton. Pledge sheets are now distributed to numerous places throughout our area. Pick one up and go to work on it. Whipper Watson and Timmy deserve your support.

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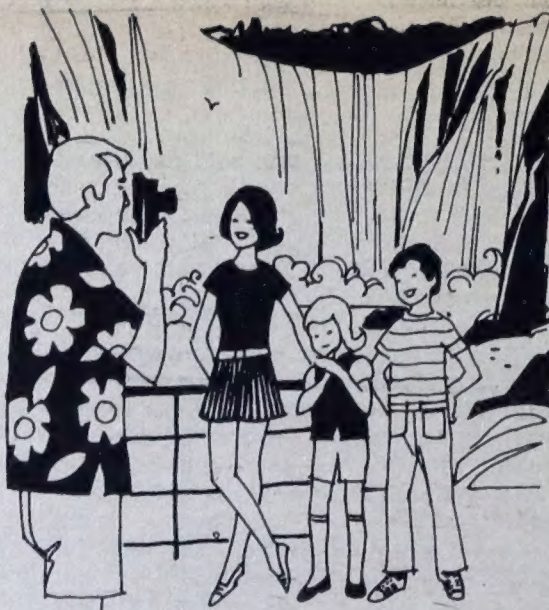
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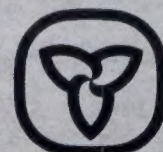
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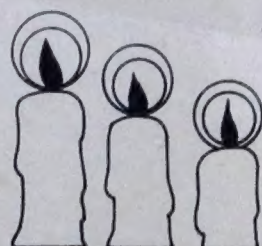
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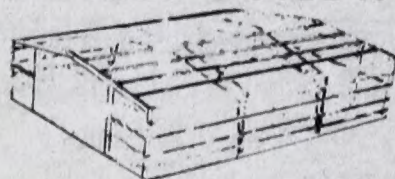
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